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In Re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Not Assigned

For: A METHOD OF REDUCING NON-SPECIFIC AMPLIFICATION IN PCR

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- ☒ was filed on October 31, 2001 as Serial No. 09/998,887.
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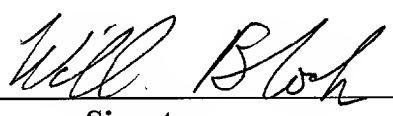
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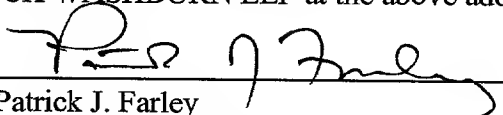
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